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DEFENSE MINISTER ADDRESSES YOUTH CONGRESS -- Sofia, Izgrev, 27 Feb 51

Lieutenant General Panchovski, Minister of Defense, addressed the first plenary session of the second congress of the Central Committee of the DSNM. The minister emphasized the continuous growth and progress of the Bulgarian Army. He stated: DSNM plays an important part in this; a considerable number of enlisted men and officers proceed from the ranks of this association, where they were trained by the Communist Party. The RMS (Young Workers' Association) and the DSNM continue to transfer their best activists to key posts in the Bulgarian Army. In addition, the DSNM has assumed the command of the Border Troops and Armored Tank Troops.

The general added that the congress was held in an atmosphere of international tension, with US and British imperialists openly preparing for a third world war and their Balkan satellites constantly violating the Bulgarian borders. He continued as follows: This situation calls for increased vigilance and strengthening of the Bulgarian armed forces. The DSNM can make an important contribution to this by supplying the army with officers and enlisted men who may serve as examples for the nonparty members of the armed forces. Reliable DSNM members should be transferred for political work in the army, especially the well-trained activists. The DSNM should also devote much of its time to the educational training of young men before and after their enlistment. The organization should become the instrument for introducing the policies of the Communist Party in the army. It is therefore essential that the political training of DSNM members be improved; greater attention should also be devoted to physical education, especially to driving and horseback riding.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL FEDERATION MEETS IN SOFIA -- Sofia, Izgrev, 24 Feb 51

The following representatives of the International Educational Federation arrived at Sofia Airfield on 24 February 1951 to attend a meeting of the organization: Prof Henri Vallon, chairman, Paul Delanoue /transliteration from the Bulgarian/, secretary-general; Karl Elrich from the German Democratic Republic, Oldrich Stelzlein from Czechoslovakia, Pascuale d'Abiero from Italy, Rudolf Kraichel from Austria, and Ion Apolsan from Rumania, all members of the Executive Bureau. I. Grivkov will represent the USSR and Fan Ming the Chinese People's Republic. The organization cooperates with educational centers in Great Britain, France, Italy, Spain, India, Cyprus, etc.

WOMEN'S CONGRESS SUPPORTS PEACE CONFERENCE -- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Mar 51

At the celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March, Tsvetana Kirova, secretary-general of the International Democratic Women's Federation in Bulgaria, delivered a speech in which she emphasized that the organization would support the planned Five-Power Peace Conference between the US, the USSR, the Chinese People's Republic, France, and Great Britain.

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